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Aedirnian War Shepherd

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Aedirnian War Shepherds are a black and tan medium to large-sized dog breed originally bred in the Kingdom of Aedirn sometime in the late 11th century.

Aedirnian War Shepherd



Taxonomy

Classification Dog**Species** Dog

Shepherd (Northern Lands)



Physiology

Height 25 inches

Length 24 inches

Weight 80 pounds

Hide Black and tan fur

Eyes Brown

Ecology

Lifespan 10-15 years

Intelligence Human level of between 2 - 4 years old

Range Usually found around or in the kingdom of Aedirn, though a few specimens have been exported and bred outside the Kingdom itself.

Habitat Anywhere with humans, or former settlements

Diet Omnivorous

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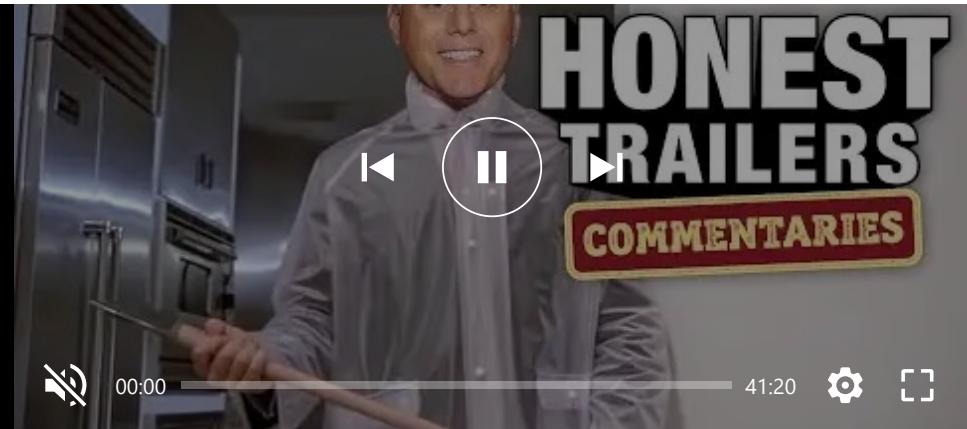
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Description 🔍

Physical Description 🔍

Head 🔍

Domed foreheads, square muzzles with strong jaws, and black noses are characteristic of **Aedirnian War Shepherds**. It is most common for the eyes to be medium-sized and brown, with a lively, intelligent, and self-assured appearance. Ears are large, erect, and open at the front, but are often pulled back during movement. Their long necks are raised when they are excited and lowered when they are moving fast.

Other 🔍

An **Aedirnian War Shepherd's** tail is bushy and reaches to the hock.

Withers (the tallest point on a dog's body, aside from the neck and head and they are found between your dog's shoulder blades and at the back of the neck.) 🔍

- 24 inches (60 cm) at the withers for males was common while a large specimen could reach 26 inches (65 cm)
- 22 inches (55 cm) at the withers for females was common while a large specimen could reach 24 inches (60 cm)

Weight 🔍

- With good diet and enough exercise, a typical male could be 66–88 pounds (30–40 kilograms) while a large specimen can reach 93 lbs (42 kilograms)
- With good diet and enough exercise, a female could be 49–71 pounds (22–32 kilograms)

Temperament 🔍

Aedirnian War Shepherds are dogs bred for working and guarding. It boasted a quick and even temperament, making it suitable for many things including being a house dog or a soldier's war time companion.

Aedirnian War Shepherds possess a bite force that could easily crush a man's windpipe or latch onto a human's arm and not let go.

Known Aedirnian War Shepherds ♂

- Lenok I

Generation Status

- Second generation (1236 AR)
 1. Lenok II (Male)- With Adalwulf from the years (1236-1248)
 2. (Male)
 3. (Male)
 4. (Male)
- Third generation (1248 AR)
 1. Lenok III (Male)- With Adalwulf from years (1248-1261)
 2. (Female)
 3. (Male)
 4. (Female)
 5. (Male)
- Fourth generation (and the last born at Kaer Morhen) (1261 AR)
 1. Lenok IV (Male)- Given to Carria by Adalwulf (1261-TBA)
 2. (Female)
 3. TBA
 4. TBA
 5. TBA
 6. TBA
 7. TBA

Trivia ♂

- The Aedirnian War Shepherd is a fantasy breed made up by Adalwulf of Aedirn based off a combination of a real life German Shepherd, and a Belgian Malinois.
- Litters of Lenok's pups would be raised at Kaer Morhen to serve as guard dogs for the keep or companions for some of the Witchers out on the Path.
- Lenok's line would become altered by exposure to magical energies such as Places of Power and Adalwulf's own Source power, as well as radiant magical energy. **Lenok IV** was particularly affected by his proximity to **Carria**, a Source. He was bigger (approximately the size of a direwolf), more intelligent (he naturally became an Awakened) , and lived longer than his siblings.
- The Kaer Morhen line was brought with Adalwulf of Aedirn to Burov Mylne and was continued by the School of the Fox's witchers eventually citizens including monsters of the castle town would breed them as travelling and home companions.
- A sub-breed of **Aedirnian War Shepherds** with long haired was purposely bred by those who would travel the colder lands these were known as **Longhaired Aedirnian War Shepherds**.

Notes 🔒



- The dog breed known as the **Aedirnian War Shepherd** is a purely fanon creation as such there is no official proof of its existence in the Witcher works outside the fanon community.
- The existence of the dog breed known as the **Aedirnian War Shepherd** is a personal iteration inclusion for the fanon by Adalwulf of Aedirn, as such their existence in the fanon is not 'definitive' and is subject to the decision of inclusion in others head canons.

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